

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **George HOSHI, et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

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For: **FLUID CONTROL DEVICE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A fluid control device according to Claim 6, wherein a clearance for inserting a tool therethrough for rotating the screw member is formed between each adjacent pair of the fluid controllers.

Please add the following new claim:

22. A fluid control device according to Claim 8, wherein a clearance for inserting a tool therethrough for rotating the screw member is formed between each adjacent pair of the fluid controllers.

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.
Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A fluid control device according to Claim 6 [or 8] wherein a clearance for inserting a tool therethrough for rotating the screw member is formed between each adjacent pair of the fluid controllers.